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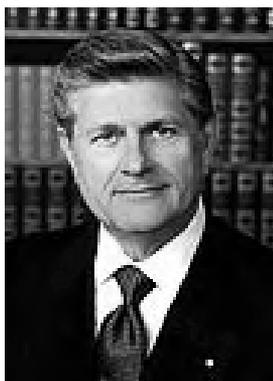
"Service above self"

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Rotary International President King to speak in Greenville July 25th

Rotary International President Rick King will be the guest for a special reception and dinner on July 25th at the Hyatt Hotel. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner is at 7 p.m. This special event will replace our club's Tuesday, July 24th meeting, so please don't go to the Poinsett Hotel on July 24th.



King

Rick King is a dynamic and inspirational speaker. He has been a Rotarian since 1968, and he is a member of the Rotary Club of Niles-Fremont, California. His goals for the 2001-02 year are extraordinarily ambitious: He wants to grow membership, improve education and training, enhance Rotary's public image, and encourage club development and improvement.

This man believes in Rotary. From his own words just a few weeks ago at the RI Convention in San Antonio: "I believe it is Rotary's destiny to become the most significant non-profit, non-

government and non-religious organization in all of the world's history."

If you haven't purchased a ticket for the Rick King dinner, please call our Rotary office (235-2293) immediately. Perhaps a ticket will be available for a night that promises to make us all feel proud to call ourselves Rotarians.

CVB president Stone to discuss convention needs in Greenville at July 10th meeting

Convention needs in Greenville will be the topic of discussion at the July 10th meeting of Greenville Rotary. Chris Stone, president of the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau, will be the guest speaker. The meeting starts at 12:30 at the Poinsett Hotel.

The Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit organization that leads efforts to generate economic development from the travel and tourism industry, mostly by attracting meetings and conventions to the Greenville area.

Some of the recent bookings include the Harley Davidson Owners Group, the National Baptist Convention of America, the NCAA 2002 Men's Basketball Championship, Grand Ole Opry Gospel, the South Carolina Coaches Association,

the National Barbecue Association, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the BMW Car Club of America.

Stone, who has led the CVB since 1995, brought to Greenville 20 years of experience in the convention and visitors bureau industry, having played sales and marketing roles for CVBs in Austin, Portland and St. Louis. Before coming to Greenville, he was vice president of marketing for the International Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus headquartered in Washington, D.C.

He graduated from Indiana University and earned a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University. He says that after living in "way too many places" in the last 10 years, he and his wife, Sandra, and their two daughters are happy to call Greenville home.



Stone

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Build on Club's successes in new year

Over the past few months as I've worked to prepare for the year ahead, I have marveled at the wonderful successes of our Rotary Club. We have so much to be proud of. We're the oldest service organization in the two Carolinas, and we're also the largest Rotary Club in the two Carolinas.

By Beth Padgett I am convinced that I follow several of the best presidents in the history of our Rotary Club. Phillip Kilgore, especially, is a tough act to follow.

While other Rotary Clubs have watched their membership decline, our club has witnessed truly extraordinary growth. We are giving at record levels to the Rotary Foundation, and we have generated excitement about our Greenville Rotary Foundation.

We are doing so much good in our Greenville community, and in our world. There's more to do. Our club cannot afford to stand still.

Rotary International President Rick King has chosen the theme for the 2001-02 year: "Mankind Is Our Business." As he told incoming club presidents just a few weeks ago, "Let it not be the fate of any Rotarian to live with regret for humanitarian actions not taken."



For our club, I have chosen an additional theme, "Feeding Minds and Bodies." Our Greenville Downtown Rotary Club has always focused on education. We have helped worthy students attend college through hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships. We have

read to disadvantaged students and provided them with books. We have sponsored the county Science Fair, Teacher of the Year and Salute to Education.

This year, especially, we also will have a keen interest in feeding bodies. Hunger is a major initiative of Rotary International and our District 7750. You will hear more in coming months about how we can feed bodies, in Greenville and in another country.

I look forward to serving Greenville Downtown Rotary this year. I look forward to working with you as we build on the successes of this great club.

Mankind Is Our Business. Rotarians around the world will be challenged by RI President Rick King to keep that powerful commitment to our clubs, our community and our world. I know our Rotary Club is up to the challenge.

Together, we can make this another great year.

President's Corner

Imagine, if you will, almost 25,000 Rotarians from more than 130 countries. This is more Rotarians than have ever gathered in one spot in the almost 100-year history of Rotary. They are in San Antonio for the 2001 Rotary International Convention.

It was an unbelievable experience, and one that left me with a much deeper appreciation for this international service organization to which all of us belong.

It left me quite proud of our club, too. Alan Harkey, a Greenville Rotarian and president of Christian Blind Mission, was on a distinguished panel at the main Monday session. Frank Devlyn, RI President for 2000-01, used his year to encourage support for programs to eliminate avoidable blindness.

During the convention, to hearty applause, it was announced that Alan — who also is president of a cooperative venture called 2020 Foundation, that includes Rotary International — had secured a generous \$1 million donation from a single donor in Florida.

There's more: Our own Terry Weaver was recognized as Club Internet Communications Officer for Zone 33.

The week left me cheering with others at the Alamodome: Viva Rotary! And under my breath, Viva Greenville Rotary!

— Beth Padgett

The Family of Rotary

Club President **Beth Padgett** was the guest speaker at the June 22nd meeting of the Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club.

Congratulations to **Marcus Delgato**, who was married on July 4th.

New members introduced at the June 26th meeting are **Calder Erhmann, Chuck Saylor** and **Linda Wentworth**.

Faye Towell, chairperson of the New Member Committee, encourages all new Rotarians to attend the **New Member luncheons** the first Monday of each month at the Ham House at 12 noon. The luncheons, which include discussions of topics of interest to Rotarians, also count as makeup meetings. Upcoming luncheon topics and speakers are: August 6, "Read To Me," **Gary Schlansker**, and Science Fair, **Rick Dreskin**; September 10, Holiday Lights, **Frank Kolb**; October 1, Executive Secretary, **Frank Kolb**; November 5, Club Scholarships, **Nancy Whitworth**, and Youth Exchange, **Randy Bell**; December 3, RI Foundation, **Jim Blakely**, and Greenville Rotary Endowment, **Stan Ingram**.

Rotary world's first service club

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, was formed on February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test, that has been translated into hundreds of languages.

The organization admitted women for the first time in 1989 and claims more than 90,000 women in its ranks today. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or re-established throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to some 29,000 Rotary clubs in more than 160 countries.